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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is good production of Mango, Banana, Lichi, Makhana etc. in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no Food Processing Industry in Bihar;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a)&(b): Bihar ranks within first ten in the country in production of these fruits.

(c)&(d): As on 01.01.2001, 63 fruits and vegetable processing units in private, cooperative, public sector have been provided licence under Fruit Product Order − 1955 in Bihar.

(e): The Department of Food Processing Industriesdoes not set up food processing industries on its own, but financial assistance is provided in the form of grant and loan for setting up/modernization of food processing industries including fruit processing industries to PSUs, joint sector, private/assisted sector, NGOs/cooperatives. During the first three years of the 9th plan, financial assistance of Rs. 82.98 lakh has been provided to 11 units by the Department of Food Processing Industries under its various plan scheme in Bihar.